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Peach Trees and Plants.

FRUIT, SHADE, AND ORNAMENTAL TREES

FOR SALE,

AT THE DIAMOND STATE NURSERIES.

100,000 first-class Peach Trees, including all the leading varieties: Four, Apple, Cherry, and Quince Trees; Evergreens for shade or ornament; 200,000 Oregon Orange Quicks; Gooseberry, Currant, Blackberry, Raspberry, and Strawberry Plants; Asparagus and Rhubarb Roots; for Fall of 1874 and Spring of 1875 planting.

Send for Catalogue and Price List.

Address: JAMES T. SHALLOBOSS, Middletown, Del.

MIDDLETOWN

Nursery and Fruit Farm.

A large and varied assortment of

General Nursery Stock

For Sale at low rates.

PEACH TREES A SPECIALTY.

E. R. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

October 17-18.

Woodside Nursery.

A CHOICE selection of

PEACH TREES

of the best family and market varieties.

SMALL FRUIT PLANTS, ORANGE ORANGE

PLANTS, ASPARAGUS ROOTS, ETC.,

For fall of 1874 and spring of 1875 planting

for sale at very low prices. Address:

HENRY CLAYTON, Mount Pleasant, Del.

Aug 29-18.

Business Cards.

M. E. DICKSON,

No. 354 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA.

DRALER IN

WATCHES AND JEWELRY.

SOLID STERLING

Silver and Plated Ware

Suitable for Holiday Presents.

N. B.—Fine selection of 18 Kt. Wedding

Rings on Hand.

Gold, Silver and Steel Spectacles to suit

all ages. Dec. 10-18.

THOMAS MASSEY, JR.

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKER,

Main Street, next door to National Hotel

Middletown, Delaware

CLOCKS, Watches, Jewelry, &c. neatly

and promptly repaired.

Always on hand and for sale, Clocks,

Watches, Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons, Silver

Napkin Rings, Silver Thimbles, Gold,

Sugar and Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Gold

Breast-Pins, Hair-Pins, Finger-Rings, Silver

Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key

Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.

AGENT FOR

DE VIANI'S SPECTACLES

Dec. 12-18.

J. MEIER & BRO.,

MERCHANT TAILORS,

S. R. Cor, Second and Arch Sts.,

PHILADELPHIA.

Have in Stock a full line of

Pine Overcoatings, Suits, Cassimeres,

and Vestings

Of the newest designs for FALL and WINTER

wear, which will be made to order in

the latest styles and best manner. Special

attention given to Dress Suits.

CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK.

Oct. 10-18.

DRESS MAKING

IN ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS,

Mantua Making and Tailoring

IN EVERY STYLE.

Done promptly and very neatly.

FITTING DRESSES A SPECIALTY.

Call and examine patterns. Mrs. WHITE,

Lake St., near Broad,

Dec. 26-18.

C. MAISEL,

TAILOR, (From Paris),

1321 Chestnut Street,

PHILADELPHIA.

may 31-18.

MIDDLETOWN IRONFOUNDRY

AND

MACHINE SHOP.

PLOWS and Plow Castings, Machine Cast

ings of all kinds on hand or made to

order.

Particular attention given to Repairing

Machinery. Cash for old iron.

WM. L. BUCKE & SON,

Founders and Machinists.

Jan 4-18.

PHOTOGRAPHS!

THE undersigned respectfully informs the

citizens of Middletown and vicinity that

he has returned to town and located his pho-

tograph car for a short season on the corner of

BROAD AND ANDERSON STREETS,

where he is prepared to execute Photographs

of every size, from the smallest to the largest,

on short notice and at the most reasonable rates.

Call and examine specimens of work.

Dec. 26, 1874.

J. M. HORNING.

NOTICE.

DR. WM. H. BARR begs leave to say that

having sold his Drug Store and business

to Joseph M. Barr, he invites the same gen-

eral patronage in the future as has been be-

stowed in the past on the store.

His office will be at the old store, where he

will be found, as heretofore, prepared to re-

nder professional advice and services.

Middletown, Jan. 1, 1875.

WM. H. BARR, M. D.

Assigned.

NOTICE.

ALL SUNDRIES & CO., proprietors of J. H.

SAUNDERS & CO., respectfully request that

all accounts on or before the 1st of January, 1875,

be paid to the firm of J. H. SAUNDERS &

CO., at their office, 101 N. 3rd St., Phila-

delphia.

Dec. 18-18.

Select Poetry.

DOWN THE SHADOWED LANE.

Down the shadowed lane she goes,

And her arms are laden

With the crocodile and wild rose.

Happy little maiden!

Sweetly, sweetly doth she sing

As she walks along her way.

That has seen many a day.

As she strayed and as she sung.

Happy little maiden!

Shadowy lanes and dells among.

With wild flowers laden.

Chanced a bonny youth that way,

For the lanes were shady.

She dropped one wee flower, they say,

Did this little lady:

Dropped a flower, so they say,

Dropped, and never missed it;

And the youth, slack-a-day,

Picked it up and kissed it.

Now in sweet lane wanderings,

With love-flowers laden,

With her love she strays and sings,

Happy little maiden!

Select Story.

LOST TO THE WORLD.

In the summer of 1816, or there-

about, a wealthy merchant of New York

took charge of a little boy who had

been left an orphan. The parents of

the little boy had been actors of some

slight celebrity in the theatres of the

United States; but dying within a

short period of each other, they left be-

hind them, in a state of the completest

destitution, three young children. The

oldest of these was called Edgar. He

was a handsome boy about six years of

age, with a quick eye and an active

spirit, and a remarkably intelligent

countenance. The merchant of whom

we speak had known the parents of the

child; and out of pity for his helples-

ness and his wife, who had been

blessed with no children, adopted it as

his own.

How happily the ardent boy passed

his days in the house of his benefactor;

how he was beloved by those two child-

ish people; how he became the favorite

of a large circle; how, in the strength

of his great affection, the merchant and

his wife brought him to England, so

that nothing might be wanted to make

him a gentleman as well in mind as in

person; how he spent some four or five

pleasant years under the care and teach-

ing of a revered gentleman near Lon-

don; how he came back to the city of

his birth to finish his education; and

how he was generally looked upon as

the rich merchant's heir, it would take

long to tell.

But we would linger on this portion

of our story; for it dwells upon his pre-

ocious wit and aptness for learning;

for it would make much of his feats of

strength and agility—his ease and grace

on horseback, his dexterity in fence and

race and stream, and his success in all

that seemed to promise for him a bril-

liant career. But the truth must be

told, no matter how unwilling to the

teller. He was sent to the college of

Charlottesville, amply provided with

money. In those days, dissipation

among the students of colleges was, un-

happily, but too common; and among

the most dissolute and extravagant, the

wildest ruffians of the town, the hardest

drunkards, and most daring gamblers,

there was ever to be found one more

wild and desperate than them all—and

that one was Edgar, now a good-look-

ing, free-hearted young fellow of

eighteen. Friends advised with him,

and he made fair promises in plenty;

tutors remonstrated, and he declared

that he would amend and win the high-

est honors yet; companions tempted

and wine allured, and he embraced the

filthy siren, and so fell. Instead of

coming home from the university with

honors, he was summarily expelled.

One would think that disgrace so

public would have broken his proud

spirit; but it did not. Because his

benefactor refused to pay his gambling

debts he contracted at college, the wil-

ful young man wrote him a violent and

abusive letter, quitted his house, and

soon after left his country with the

avowed intention of joining the Greeks,

who were at that time in the midst of

their troubles with the Turks. He

never reached his destination, and noth-

ing was known or heard of him for

more than a year. At last, however,

he was found, and in circumstances

which left no doubt as to the manner in

which his European experience had

been bought. One morning the Ameri-

can minister at St. Petersburg was

summoned to see a countryman of his

own from the penalities incurred through

a drunken debauch. He came in time

to rescue the prodigal Edgar from a

prison, and through his influence he

was set at liberty and enabled to return

to the United States.

The first to greet him on his landing

was his old patron, the merchant, who

was now alone in the world, for his

wife had died while Edgar was away.

But he took the wanderer to his arms

and led him back to the quiet home he

had quitted so ungraciously. The

question then arose as to what should

be done with the youth; and on his ex-

pressing a wish to become a soldier, in-

terest was made with the merchant's

friends, and Edgar was entered as a

scholar in the military academy at New

York. For a little time all went on

well; the young cadet was assiduous in

his studies, became the favorite of the

mess, and was looked upon by the offi-

cers and professors as one of their most

promising pupils. But alas! and alas!

the old habits of dissipation were too

strong to be given up at once. He neg-

lected his duties; he drank to excess;

he disobeyed orders; he openly sneered

at the regulations of the academy—and

in ten months from his matriculation,

he was cashiered.

Disgraced and humiliated, where

could the wretched man find refuge but

in the home of his adopted father?—

Thither, then, he went, and was re-

ceived with open arms. During Edgar's

stay at the academy the merchant had

married again to a lady some years

younger than himself. Time passed

on; but just as the sun of happiness

seemed about to shine once more upon

him, a quarrel took place between

Edgar and the lady which severed for-

ever all ties of friendship between the

merchant and his protegee. Another

circumstance, which is scarcely fit to

mention here, was hinted at, and which,

if true, throws a dark shade upon the

quarrel and an ugly shade upon the

character of Edgar. Whatever the cause,

however, the merchant and his adopted

son parted in anger; never to meet

again, and when the former died, the

latter shared no portion of his wealth.

Again thrown upon the world by his

own misconduct, the young man tried

his hand in a field common to young

men, and wrote several articles in the

American magazines

